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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): T. MASUDA, et al
Serial No.: 09/421,043
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For: PLASMA ETCHING APPARATUS AND PLASMA ETCHING METHOD
Group: 1763
Examiner: A. Mulero

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 7, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicant(s) hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed May 7, 2004. A payment in the amount of \$430.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (520.34403CV4).

Respectfully submitted,

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